

heaven and earth, and the grandson of
 the waters,
 hear my praise: let me not utter words to
 be disre-
 garded, but let us, (brought) most, nigh
 unto you,
 rejoice in the happiness (you bestow).

15. May those mighty deities, having power to
 destroy,¹ whether they have been manifested
 upon
 earth or in heaven, or in the abode of the
 waters,
 bestow upon us and our posterity² abundant
 suste-
 nance, both by night and day.

16. AQJTI and PABJAOTA, prosper my pious acts:
 (accept), you who are reverently invoked, our
 praise
 at this sacrifice: one of you generates food, the
 other
 posterity:* grant us, therefore, food productive
 of
 descendants.

. 17. When the sacred grass is strewn;
 when the
 fire is kindled, and when I worship (you)
 with a
 hymn, and with profound veneration, then,
 adorable
 universal gods, rejoice in the oblation
 (offered) to-day
 at this our sacrifice.

S6KTA IV. (L111.)

The deity is Pṛthvī; the *Risik* BĀRADWAJA; the metre of
 the eighth verse is *Anuṣṭubh*, of the rest *Qdyujtri*.

1. PUSHAṆ, lord of paths,⁴ we attach thee to us like
 varṅ* XVH.

¹ *Jṛtmdy&k* is explained *dha&rīrprajndb*, having
 the wisdom
 or knowledge that kills.

» *Asmabkyaṃ iih&ye*; the latter,
 «W, is derived from *ith*, to
 wish, and is explained *putrddi*,
 sons, and the wst, *asmabkyaṃ*
tasmai cfto, to us and to it, that is,
 posterity, as the object of
 desire.

• IWt* *anyojanayat yarbkaṃ anyak*:
 Porfoitffl, by wading
 rain, causes the growth of com, and *Agni*,
 as the rnaht agent in
 digestion, produces the vigour necessary
 for proweatwīu

* *Pathaspati*, see p. 483, note 1.